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SUBJECT: CUBAN DELEGATION TO GUYANA REPUBLIC ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATIONS

SUMMARY: AT INVITATION OF GOG CUBA HAS SENT
A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO WITNESS REPUBLIC DAY
CELEBRATIONS. GROUP HAS HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH ACTING
PM REID AND PLANS TO MEET WITH OTHER KEY OFFICIALS.
END SUMMARY.

1. AT INVITATION OF GOG, CUBAN VICE-PRESIDENT AND
POLITBURO MEMBER JUAN ALMEIDA BOSQUE, PARLIAMENTARIAN
ROBERTO BELLO, AND DEPUTY HEAD OF THE AMERICAN
DEPARTMENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CUBAN
COMMUNIST PARTY, ULISES ESTRADA, HAVE ARRIVED HERE
TO WITNESS GUYANA'S SEVENTH ANNUAL REPULBIC ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATIONS. CHRONICLE HAS REPORTED THAT
ON FEB 21 DELEGATION MET WITH ACTING PRIME
MINISTER PTOLEMY REID, FORMIN WILLS, MINISTER
OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DESMOND HOYTE, PARLIAMENTARY
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AFFAIRS MINISTER CAMMIE RAMSAROOP, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
OF THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC) ELVIN MCDAVID,
AND GUYANA AMBASSADOR TO CUBA FRANK CAMPBELL TO
DISCUSS GUYANA-CUBA RELATIONS. CUBANS WILL
HOLD TALKS WITH OTHER RANKING PNC OFFICIALS AND
HOPE TO MEET WITH PM BURNHAM.

2. VISITING CUBANS WILL BE PRESENT AT THE FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY FEB 22, ATTEND MASHRAMANI CELEBRATIONS, VISIT A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, AND SUGAR FACTORY, AND TOUR VARIOUS SITES IN GEORGETOWN. GROUP HAS VISITED PAPAYA NATIONAL SERVICE CENTER AND WAS REPORTEDLY IMPRESSED BY EFFORTS BEING MADE TO TRAIN YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH EXPOSURE TO LIFE IN INTERIOR.

3. CUBAN DELEGATION WAS ENTERTAINED AT SOCIAL FUNCTION HOSTED BY CHIEF OF STAFF OF GUYANA DEFENSE FORCE (GDF) BRIGADIER CLARENCE PRICE.

4. MODEST PUBLICITY BEING ACCORDED VISIT HAS EMPHASIZED THAT ALMEIDA IS HIGHEST RANKING CUBAN OFFICIAL TO VISIT GUYANA SINCE CASTRO'S VISIT IN 1973. MEDIA HAS REFERRED TO ALMEIDA AS A CUBAN HERO AND HAS POINTED OUT THAT ALMEIDA WON COVETED TITLE OF COMMANDER OF THE REVOLUTION FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED MILITARY CAREER IN CUBAN REVOLUTION.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY SPECULATES THAT CUBANS MAY DISCUSS MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GOG WHILE HERE. A LARGE CONSIGNMENT OF ARMS IS BELIEVED TO HAVE ARRIVED HERE FROM CUBA SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS, 1976. BLACKEN

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